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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
TAX POLICY

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 10:30 a.m. Room 521, House Office Building

The House Committee on Tax Policy was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Jeff Farrington.

Members present: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

Members absent/excused: None.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the minutes from the Wednesday, September 30, meeting.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee:

SB 360	(Warren)	Individual income tax; other; cap on Michigan education savings accounts; increase.
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Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in support of SB 360, wishing to speak.

Paul Palmer, representing himself, submitted a testimony card in support of SB 360, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to SB 360.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 360 as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee:

HB 4677 (Maturen) Property tax; assessments; splitting of qualified agricultural property to allow a portion to be taxed differently; allow.

David Zuhlke, representing the Middle Cities Education Association, submitted a testimony card in opposition to HB 4677, but did not wish to speak.

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4677, wishing to speak.

The following people submitted testimony cards in support of HB 4677, but did not wish to speak:

Rebecca Park, representing Michigan Farm Bureau.

Mike Frederick, representing the Michigan Soybean Association.

Brian Westrin, representing the Michigan Realtors.

Representative Maturen moved to adopt the substitute (H-2) to HB 4677.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report HB 4677 as substitute (H-2), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 13-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

The Chair laid before the committee:

SB 232 (Robertson) Use tax; definitions; definition of auto dealer; modify.

SB 233 (Robertson) Sales tax; definitions; definition of auto dealer; modify.

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in opposition to SB 232 and SB 233, without amendments.

Brian O'Connell, representing General Motors, submitted a testimony card in support of SB 232 and SB 233, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Townsend moved to adopt the following amendment to SB 232:

1. Amend page 6, line 14, after "year" by striking out the period and inserting "unless section 105d of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.105d, is repealed."

The motion failed by a vote of 4-9-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Howrylak, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, and Webber.

PASS: None.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 232, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: Representative Howrylak.

Representative Townsend moved to adopt the following amendment to SB 233:

1. Amend page 5, line 13, after "year" by striking out the period and inserting "unless section 105d of the social welfare act, 1939 PA 280, MCL 400.105d, is repealed."

The motion failed by a vote of 4-8-1.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, and Webber.

PASS: Representative Howrylak.

Representative Maturen moved to report SB 232, with recommendation.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 12-0-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Farrington, Maturen, Somerville, Yonker, Chatfield, Glenn, Iden, Webber, Townsend, Clemente, LaVoy, and Byrd.

NAYS: None.

PASS: Representative Howrylak.

The Chair laid before the committee :

HB 4871 (Howrylak) Individual income tax; property tax credit; adjusting the caps on taxable value, salary, and amount of the credit for inflation; provide for.

Mary Pollock, representing the Michigan State Employee Retiree Association, testified in support of HB 4871.

Howard Ryan, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified to HB 4871, with no position.

The following people submitted a testimony card in support of HB 4871, but did not wish to speak:

Sue Tumosa and Melissa Seifert, representing AARP.

Rachel Richards, representing the Michigan League for Public Policy.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Catholic Conference.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 11:15 a.m.

Representative Jeff Farrington, Chair

Kevin Gawronski
Committee Clerk
October 7, 2015
1 hour 15 minutes

Date Approved and Signed